

## **Kentucky PGA Section Board of Directors**

March 8, 2012 · Conference Call

### **I. Call to Order**

President Chris Osborne began the conference call at 11:03 a.m. (ET).

*Present were Kelly Williams, Ralph Landrum, Pete Garvey, Brad Morrow, Chris Brown, Chris Redle, Garry Nelson, Mike Thomas, Steve Shafer and staff members Betsy Gladish and Bill Coomer. Absent was Blake Watts.*

### **II. Vacant Board Position – Director at Large**

Mr. Osborne explained that Matt Kirchgessner, Director at Large, has left the Section and his position on the BOD is now vacant. After Mr. Kirchgessner sent an email to all the Board members resigning his position, Kelly Williams suggested to the officers that the Board appoint Gary Bebelaar to fill the position. Mr. Osborne spoke with Mr. Bebelaar to gauge his willingness to accept the position, and Mr. Bebelaar is prepared to accept. Mr. Osborne expressed concern about waiting until the next formal meeting of the BOD to decide how the position would be filled, whether by appointment or special election. Mr. Osborne then opened the floor for comments.

Mr. Nelson asked if any other nominations would be accepted. Mr. Osborne explained that precedent shows that in similar situations, the Board has gone to previous candidates who did not get elected at the last general election to fill the position, because they had already expressed the interest to serve.

Mr. Landrum pointed out that the last time a vacancy on the board was filled, the person was not chosen from the previous ballot. Considerable conversation followed on choosing between a board appointment, and a special election involving all membership.

Mr. Osborne called for an informal straw poll among members of the conference call to decide if the vacancy would be filled by appointment or election. The final tally was five (5) votes for appointment and four (4) votes for election. Mr. Shafer suggested that an email be sent out notifying all members of Mr. Kirchgessner's departure and the board vacancy. Members will be allowed to contact a board member if they are interested in serving. The final appointment will be made at the board meeting on March 25, 2012. The board agreed with this suggestion.

### **III. Kentucky Open Sponsorship**

Mr. Osborne stated that there is no sponsorship in place for the 2012 Kentucky Open. Because of this, Mr. Coomer presented some projections with an entry fee increase of \$20. With this increase, the event can be sustained by a small margin. This fee increase will be part of the agenda to vote on at the March 25 Board meeting. Mr. Osborne also mentioned that a non-golf sponsor will be pursued for the 2013 Kentucky Open.

### **IV. KPGA Education Sponsorship**

Mr. Morrow spoke about the E-Z-GO sponsorship for the Spring and Fall Meeting. On Mark Hill's departure, there was discussion about the decrease in sponsorship from E-Z-GO, and the possibility of pursuing additional sponsorship dollars for KPGA Education seminars. The suggestion from Mr. Hill was that E-Z-GO's sponsorship be moved to the business meeting and another sponsor be procured for the education portion. Mr. Morrow sent a proposal to Callaway golf and they agreed to contribute \$2,000 toward education programs once at Fall Meeting and once at Spring Meeting for a total sponsorship of \$4,000 per year. Mr. Brown mentioned that the

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contract states that Callaway will have the opportunity, at the Board's discretion, to present to the membership at each meeting. Mr. Shafer voiced a concern that bridges may be burned if we offer an audience in front of our entire membership to a sponsor who has virtually pulled their support from all Section events over the past year. Mr. Shafer was concerned that offering them this opportunity would upset other sponsors who have been loyal to the Section consistently. For the sake of the meeting schedule, the conversation was tabled until further notice.

### **V. Adjournment**

*At 12:05 p.m. Mr. Osborne adjourned the conference call.*

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